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God's good gift keeps on giving

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GOD'S GOOD GIFT KEEPS ON GIVING
Lesson for October 16, 1983
Bible Study Passages: Romans 3:21-26; 5:6-11; Col. 1:13-14
INTRODUCTION

God has expressed most vividly his nature through the gift of his son, Jesus. In all ways Jesus demonstrates the magnificent love of the heavenly Father for his children. Jesus is not simply an after thought on the part of God. He is the expressed image of what God is like. If God is not like Jesus, I'm not so sure I'd believe in him!

The coming of Christ was God's supreme act of seeking to redeem his children from their sin. Jesus did not approach this task alone," ... for God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself..." (II Corinthians 5:19). God's love manifested itself in a supreme act of sacrifice by both God and his son, Jesus.

The gift of God keeps on giving. Even after our initial encounter with Christ, whereby we are forgiven by grace, we continue to find blessing in our daily walk. When Christ departed from his earthly ministry, he promised his disciples that he would not leave them destitute. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you: (John 14:18).

The presence of God and Christ is made real by the Holy Spirit who gives us the gift of comfort and peace.

The Gift Christ Gives [Romans 3:21-26]

The "bad news" of Paul's letter to the Roman church is shattered by the "good news" of salvation. Paul blasted his hearers in the first two chapters of the Roman letter concerning the human malady of sin. Then he turns his attention to the prescription for their malady. No cure is possible without Christ's atoning work.

Paul's theme is justification by grace rather than works. We are made righteous and acceptable by the grace of God. The gift of grace is a direct result of our faith response. Salvation comes to us by Christ's forgiveness and as a gift from God.

Grace is a pardon of our debts. Any penalty due us is carried by Christ through his sacrificial gift upon the cross.

Christ Offers Us Life Assurance [Romans 5:6-11]

The power of Christ can move an individual to make monumental changes in the landscape of their life. An encounter with Christ can alter the course of one's life. When we think back to what life was like before we met Christ, we can easily be strengthened by the good that has come our way. Christ gives us strength to face the crisis of life; he helps our helplessness by his sufficient grace. Our weaknesses become strengths by the power of his grace.

We are new creations through faith in Christ. Faith in Christ as Saviour removes us from being an enemy of God to becoming his friend. Our status before God is altered because we have been reconciled to him. The gap that once existed between us and God is now bridged by the event of Christ's reconciling work. That is real joy!

A New Creation-[Col. 1:13-14]

History is full of incidents in which evil was overcome by good. Numerous individuals who walked in darkness now bask in the sunlight of Christ's love. Their lives have made a three-hundred-sixty degree turn. They are harly recognizable!

The movie, The Return of the Jedi, tells how the father of Luke Skywalker turned to the dark force and followed evil. Luke, on the other hand, chose to follow the way of good. We have the choice to follow good or to follow evil. We can choose Christ and live in the light, or we can choose evil and live in darkness.

The darkness is always present, but so is the light. Darkness may prevail, but only for a spell. God ultimately triumps over evil. This was dramatically revealed in Christ's victory over death. We live with the knowledge that God is ultimately in control, so that no matter what happens we are sure of a life never ending.

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St. Luke news

The regular preaching service at St. Luke Baptist Church Oct. 2 was well attended. The Rev. Robert R. Jones, pastor, was in charge. He was assisted by the Rev. Alvin Jones. The Senior Choir provided music.

The Rev. Jones delivered a soul-stirring spiritual, "If it wasn't for the Lord, what would I do?"

The subject of his sermon was, "A New Beginning." The message was well taken by the congregation, and the offering was good. The pastor's mother and some other relatives visited the services at St. Luke Sunday.

Many friends and relatives attended the beautiful wedding Saturday, Oct. 1 at St. Luke, when Miss Faye Clark and Mr. Louis Randolph were married. The reception was in the dining area of the church. The couple received many fine gifts.

The ill persons in our community are out of the hospital and back in church again.

The Southern Jubilees gave a concert at St. Luke Church this past Sunday, Oct. 9.

Promise Land

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may glorify your Father, who is in heaven." Mt 5:16.

There is no better way to learn of God's word than through the questions and discussion that goes on in Sunday School. We extend an invitation to join us in Sunday School on each Sunday at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, October 16, at 2:30 p.m. we will celebrate our pastor's second anniversary. The Rev. Henry Pryor and the Mt. Airy Jr. Choir will be our guests. We invite each and everyone to attend. On Sunday, Oct. 29 a special program will be held at the Appomattox County High School for the benefit of the Terry Dillard Fund. The time will be 7 p.m. Come out and support this program.

Miss Patricia Flood would like to thank all persons who supported her in the NAACP Queen's Rally.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in in our prayers and deeds.

Have a good week.

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THE HASADIAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S SECOND ANNUAL WORKSHOP held last week included the following as instructors in various areas of church work and leadership. Seated, Mrs. Lil Winifree, instructor in church music and worship; Mrs. Addie P. Spencer, instructor in church missions; Mrs. Frances C. Hamler, instructor in youth ministry; Dr. Paul Scruggs, instructor in church outreach; Deacon Frank Johnson, treasurer for the group; The Rev. Richard A. Wheaton, instructor in church finance and moderator; Charlie A. Elliott, acting dean. Other instructors not present for the picture include: The Rev. Harry Pilson, instructor in Christian education; The Rev. Winston R. Jones, instructor, church administration; and the Rev. A. A. Winn, instructor, church ushers.

Baptist workshop held here

The Hasadiah Baptist Association held its second annual Church Leadership Training Workshop beginning on Monday of last week and continuing through Thursday.

This association is composed of churches in the counties of Appomattox, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Nottoway and Prince Edward.

"This workshop is the budding effort of the churches to respond to a desperate need for trained leaders in our churches," said the Rev. Richard A. Wheaton, moderator of the group.

"Being aware that, at the present time, the subjects covered in the workshop do not address all the needs and requirements for effective growing churches, it is our hope that as the years go by, we shall achieve greater effectiveness by adding new courses and by diversifying courses already being given," he added.

"The Hasadiah Baptist Association solicits the support of all pastors and their churches in its efforts to meet the training needs of our church workers and we thank you for the support already given," Wheaton concluded.

Pancake supper set

A pancake supper will be held at Memorial United Methodist Church this Friday (Oct. 14) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The supper, sponsored by the United Methodist Men, will cost $2.50 for adults, and $1.50 for children.

Proceeds from the pancake supper will be used to benefit the Virginia United Methodist Agency for the Retarded.

Art show planned

The first Virginia Museum Artmobile Exhibition exclusively featuring Virginia artists will be visiting Appomattox on October 20, 21, 24 and 25.

This visit is being sponsored by the GFWC/ Appomattox Junior Woman's Club with the cooperation of the Appomattox Woman's Club and the Appomattox Elementary School.

Seventeen artists from across Virginia who paint and sculpt in a variety of media and styles, have loaned their works for this exhibition. Visitors will sample the rich diversity of artistic styles currently being explored in the state.

The Artmobile will be located behind the Elementary School during its four day visit. The public is invited to attend the exhibition between the hours of 9 to 12 and 1 to 5 each day. A museum representative will be available to answer questions.

Chicken supper slated

The Phenix Volunteer Fire Department will have a chicken fry on Saturday, October 15 at the Phenix Firehouse.

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Obituaries

Helen Einschutz Burley

Helen Einschutz Burley, 66, of 2021 Rivermont Ave., Lynchburg, died Sunday, Oct. 9, 1983, at 12:47 a.m. at Virginia Baptist Hospital after a short illness. She was the wife of Howard T. Burley.

Born in Baltimore, Md., Jan 12, 1917, she was the daughter of the late John Einschutz and Selma Fielder Einschutz. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and American Legion Post No. 274 Women's Auxiliary in Madison Heights.

In Addition to her husband, she is survived by two stepdaughters, Mrs. Peggy Harvey of Appomattox and Rebecca Burley of Dover, Del.; three stepsons, Wayne Burley of Lynchburg, Thomas Burley of Appomattox and Michael Honig; one sister, Mrs. Judy Griffin, and a brother-in-law, Charles E. Griffin, both of Lynchburg, and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Virginia Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Clyde Dalton. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Virginia Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth B. Cheatham

Ruth B. Cheatham of Clearwater, Fla., died Sunday morning.

Born in Hopewell, she was a daughter of the late Hugh T. and Ruth Williams Birchett. She was a member of Skyerest United Methodist Church in Clearwater.

She is survived by her husband, James Elliott Cheatham, an Appomattox County native, one son, Zack Hudson Cheatham, one daughter, Nan C. Rocke, and one grandson, James H. Cheatham, all of Clearwater; three sisters, Nan B. Gilliam and Myra B. Butterworth, both of Hopewell, and Louise B. Shelby of Vienna, and one brother, Hugh T. Birchett of Orlando, Fla.

She was the daughter-in-law of Mrs. Mayne Cheatham of Evergreen.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Evergreen Cemetery by the Rev. Dave Bailey.

Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

George Hundley Shreve

George Hundley Shreve, 85, of Route 1, Appomattox, died Thursday, Oct. 6, 1983, at Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born Nov. 17, 1897, he was a son of the late Robert Lee and Melissa Shreve of Spring Garden in Pittsylvania County, Va. Orphaned at the age of six, he was in the Methodist Orphanage for two years when he was adopted by the late Mr. and Mrs. Presley Hannah of Appomattox County. He was married to the late Ellie Mae Hamlet. He was a retired farmer and owner of Ridgeway Farm and was a member of Concord Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder for 61 years.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ollie Winstead, Reidsville, N.C., and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Concord Presbyterian Church in Charlotte County; burial followed in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Daniel H. Thompson

Daniel H. Thompson, formerly of Appomattox, died Friday morning at the age of 59 in Dover, Del. He is being buried in Delaware on Wednesday at 1:00. Thompson was a retired U.S. Air Force Sgt.

He is survived by his wife, Florence Ford Thompson, one daughter, Patricia Ann Thompson, seven brothers and sisters. George H. Thompson of Appomattox, Fred R. Thompson of Brookneal, Alta T. Evans of Appomattox, Amy T. Mosley of Richmond, Elizabeth J. Thompson of Appomattox, Erma Bluther of Baltimore, Mary T. Garrett of Evergreen.

Arts, crafts to be exhibited

The Prince Edward Academy Band Boosters will sponsor an Arts and Crafts Show and Sale at the Farmville Armory on Sat., Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 16, 12 noon until 6 p.m.

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Reunion planned

A reunion of the Fleshman family and descendants is planned for Sun., Oct. 16, at Hat Creek Club House. Included are descendants of James Willis and Berta Whitehead Fleshman. They were the parents of 14 children. For the information of the younger generation, among their children were Mrs. Mildred Clarke, Mrs. Sallie Shorter, Mrs. Ada Marshall Clarke, Mrs. Eula Wooldridge and Mrs. Nannie Ferguson. Among the Fleshman sons were Willie, Rad, Crother, Elijah, Floyd and Albert. Several other family members had no descendants; they included Alice and Betty.

To reach Hat Creek Club House, take 727 to Red House, turn right on 615 (West); left on 600 about six miles; right on 756 about one-half mile to the club house.

Bring picnic lunch and beverage to share. Plates, napkins, cups and tableware will be furnished.

The activities of the day will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Fergusons to reunite

The descendants of Phillip and Julia Beasley Ferguson will have their annual family reunion on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad Building.

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